TEST 72

0 **A** kinds **B** means **C** ways **D** methods

0	A	B	C	D

THE LIQUORICE PLANT

Liquorice has been used in various **(0) .....** for thousands of years. Centuries ago the Chinese praised it for its healing **(1) .....** , and in ancient Greece doctors found the liquorice root **(2) .....** relief from chest complaints. It is claimed that Roman soldiers were given liquorice root to chew, as a means of **(3) .....** their thirst on long marches.

The liquorice plant looks like a small bush with pale blue flowers. **(4) .....** , it is the root which is all important, for it is from the root that the juice is extracted to **(5) .....** what we know as liquorice. The roots are soft and flexible and **(6) .....** glycyrrhizin, which is one of the sweetest **(7) .....** known to man, and is fifty times sweeter **(8) .....** sugar. The roots take four years to grow **(9) .....** , and by that time can be up to ten metres long.

Liquorice harvesting has changed little over the **(10) .....** . In the autumn, the plants are lifted and the upper parts are thrown **(11) .....** . The roots are then sorted, piled up and left to dry. After nine or ten months, when only 10% of the moisture remains, the roots are pressed into large bundles and taken to factories where the juice is extracted. This extracted liquid is **(12)** ..... into a golden brown powder, and it is this raw material which is used in today's sweet-making industry.

LIVEWORKSHEETS

1	A	forms	B	standards	C	cures	D	qualities
2	A	provided	B	was	C	made	D	bought
3	A	filling	B	satisfying	C	improving	D	cooling
4	A	Because	B	Since	C	However	D	Also
5	A	give	B	shape	C	form	D	have
6	A	hold	B	contain	C	construct	D	raise
7	A	substances	B	materials	C	features	D	solids
8	A	then	B	more	C	as	D	than
9	A	fully	B	widely	C	occasionally	D	gradually
10	A	times	B	centuries	C	periods	D	seasons
11	A	off	B	away	C	over	D	out
12	A	drawn	B	poured	C	removed	D	dried

LIVEWORKSHEETS

TEST 73

0 **A** occasions **B** times **C** events **D** days

0	A	B	C	D

LETTER WRITING

Because of national festivals such as Christmas or personal **(0)** ..... like birthdays, there is undoubted pleasure in waiting for a letter to **(1)** ..... through the letterbox, as opposed to a text or an email.

People love receiving personal letters, but are not as **(2)** ..... on replying to them. A survey of letter writers in the UK **(3)** ..... that young people are among the most **(4)** ..... letter writers. They are also prepared to **(5)** ..... emailing a friend they may never meet.

However, the survey also produced a strange **(6)** ..... . While 94% of people **(7)** ..... that a letter showed that someone had put time and thought into its **(8)** ..... , 69% said they would **(9)** ..... to spend their time on other things than writing. Overall, almost a third thought that receiving good **(10)** ..... was the best thing about receiving letters.

Not surprisingly, only 15% thought that postal communication would **(11)** ..... in the future. It is expected that the internet and email will make personal letter writing even **(12)** ..... , but the web designers are always looking at ways of giving technology a human face.

LIVEWORKSHEETS

1	**A**	post	**B**	enter	**C**	drop	**D**	push
2	**A**	keen	**B**	anxious	**C**	eager	**D**	concerned
3	**A**	described	**B**	meant	**C**	showed	**D**	made
4	**A**	usual	**B**	frequent	**C**	busy	**D**	often
5	**A**	do	**B**	begin	**C**	hold	**D**	write
6	**A**	problem	**B**	matter	**C**	result	**D**	decision
7	**A**	shared	**B**	wondered	**C**	liked	**D**	agreed
8	**A**	content	**B**	material	**C**	substance	**D**	argument
9	**A**	rather	**B**	consider	**C**	prefer	**D**	enjoy
10	**A**	information	**B**	facts	**C**	news	**D**	greetings
11	**A**	raise	**B**	increase	**C**	swell	**D**	gain
12	**A**	lesser	**B**	smaller	**C**	lower	**D**	rarer

LIVEWORKSHEETS

TEST 74

Example:
0. A. or B. and C. in D. nor

0	A	B	C	D

Royal Residences

Buckingham Palace, Windsor Castle (0) ..... the Palace of Holyroodhouse are these (1) ..... of the Sovereign and, as such, serve as both home and office for the Queen, whose personal flag flies (2) ..... her Majesty is in residence.

These buildings are used extensively for State ceremonies and official entertaining and are opened to the (3) ..... as much as these commitments allow. They are furnished with fine pictures and works of art from the Royal Collection, assembled over four centuries by successive sovereigns. Many of the State Apartments and rooms at the official residences have been in continuous use since their conception and many of the paintings are (4) ..... in the rooms for which they were originally (5) ..... .

The official residences are in regular use and the style and manner in which they are shown to visitors reflects their working status. Rooms are kept as close to their normal (6) ..... as possible. Inevitably, opening times are subject to change at short notice depending on circumstances.

The Royal Collection, which is owned by the Queen as Sovereign in trust for her successors and the Nation, is administered by the Royal Collection Trust to which a proportion of the admission fee and other (7) ..... from visitors is directed. The remainder of this money funds the majority of the cost of restoring Windsor Castle which was badly (8) ..... by fire in November 1992.

1.	A. venues	B. residences	C. situations	D. occupation
2.	A. whatever	B. however	C. whoever	D. whenever
3.	A. humans	B. public	C. peoples	D. strangers
4.	A. created	B. explored	C. produced	D. displayed
5.	A. instructed	B. intended	C. performed	D. guarded
6.	A. feature	B. location	C. destination	D. appearance
7.	A. salary	B. budget	C. income	D. wages
8.	A. destroyed	B. ruined	C. damaged	D. collapsed

LIVEWORKSHEETS

TEST 75

Example:
0. A. intended B. wondered C. decided D. failed

0	A	B	C	D

New Cycling Schemes

The County Council has (0)..... to give a higher (1)..... to cycling and agreed a new strategy to guide the way ahead in East Sussex.

Cycling is a (2)..... , healthy and environmentally-friendly form of transport. It is intended to make it safer, more convenient and attractive, and to increase the (3)..... of journeys made by bicycle.

Cycling is being encouraged both for utility purposes (such as journeys to work, school and the shops) and for (4)..... trips for exercise and enjoyment, including longer trips by tourists.

Recent cycle schemes carried out in conjunction with District Councils and other bodies include the Brighton and Hove seafront route and the Cross Levels Way cycle route, in Eastbourne.

(5)..... people will be consulted as the strategy is implemented. The County Council will work with local cycling and other groups, and a countywide Cycling Forum will be formed to (6)..... that all bodies concerned with cycling are in regular (7)..... .

The objectives of the Cycling Strategy are given in a leaflet, and a (8)..... of the full strategy document can be seen in County Council Public Libraries.

1.	A. advantage	B. income	C. benefit	D. priority
2.	A. shortcut	B. high-speed	C. dangerous	D. low-cost
3.	A. size	B. proportion	C. provision	D. proposal
4.	A. recreational	B. useless	C. sufficient	D. promotional
5.	A. Abnormal	B. Proper	C. Country	D. Local
6.	A. improve	B. ensure	C. assert	D. maintain
7.	A. contact	B. basis	C. touch	D. account
8.	A. copy	B. book	C. letter	D. network

LIVEWORKSHEETS

TEST 76

Example:

0. A. major B. frequent C. similar D. various

0	A	B	C	D

The Eighth Wonder of the World

The Thames Barrier is a (0)..... part of the flood defence scheme for protecting London (1)..... rising water levels. The defenses (2)..... include raised river embankments and additional flood gates at strategic points, including the Barking Barrier. The unique structure that is the Barrier spans the 520-metre wide Woolwich reach and (3)..... of 10 separate movable gates, each pivoting and supported between concrete structures which house the operating machinery.

When raised, the four main gates (4)..... stand as high as a five-storey building and as wide as the opening of Tower Bridge. Each (5)..... 3700 tonnes. During the first twelve years of (6)..... , the Barrier has been closed twenty nine times to protect London.

(7)..... the Barrier from the comfortable cafeteria. Picnic on the riverside embankment. Enjoy beautiful views from the riverside walk. Visit the shop which stocks a large selection of souvenirs, books and Barrier information.

There is a children's play area suitable for 4- to 12-year olds, located adjacent to the riverside walk. A visit to the spectacular Thames Barrier is a (8)..... experience.

1.	A. against	B. for	C. between	D. with
2.	A. and	B. also	C. still	D. too
3.	A. consists	B. includes	C. involves	D. contains
4.	A. which	B. every	C. each	D. none
5.	A. measures	B. costs	C. calculates	D. weighs
6.	A. operation	B. surgery	C. vocation	D. profession
7.	A. Sight	B. View	C. Hear	D. Explore
8.	A. forgettable	B. memorable	C. forgetful	D. memorised

LIVEWORKSHEETS

TEST 77

Example:
0. A. wonder B. say C. claim D. know

0	A	B	C	D

Starting Your Own Business

At NatWest we (0)..... how hard it is to get your business (1)..... and running. Understanding your difficulties - and then helping you through them - has made us the number one bank for small businesses for each of the last 10 years, with more people turning to us for (2)..... than any other bank.

Our Start-Up service gives you the support you need to (3)..... up on your own. There are over 4000 Small Business Advisers (at least one in every high street branch) who (4)..... help, information and a wide (5)..... of services specifically designed to help things go that bit more (6)..... .

Since last year, we've offered 12 months' free banking (7)..... you go overdrawn or stay in credit. We have also introduced another special scheme to help you keep your costs down for even longer. Provide us with a certificate from a NatWest recognised start-up training (8)..... that you have completed and there will be no account charges for the first 18 months.

1.	A. up	B. start	C. begin	D. on
2.	A. employment	B. performance	C. improvement	D. guidance
3.	A. make	B. turn	C. set	D. bring
4.	A. demand	B. provide	C. instruct	D. know
5.	A. range	B. stock	C. forecast	D. rate
6.	A. roughly	B. frankly	C. immediately	D. smoothly
7.	A whether	B. whatever	C. however	D. although
8.	A. course	B. lesson	C. subject	D. chapter

LIVEWORKSHEETS

TEST 78

Example:

0. A. oneself B. itself C. alone D. unique

0	A	B	C	D

The Roman City of Verulamium

Verulamium has established (0)..... as one of the most popular museums of Roman Life in the country. Since it was redisplayed in 1991 the number of visitors has (1)..... to 90,000 a year. The redisplay was the first phase of a strategy to ensure that the Museum was in a fit state to (2)..... the challenges of the new century.

Key to this was the provision of the facilities which our visitors deserve; namely a new (3)..... with cloakrooms, a larger shop, a baby changing room, toilets, disabled facilities and a lift.

In addition, the Museum wants to develop new ways of (4)..... visitors to access the collections, through new (5)..... and computer technology.

For the past four years Museum (6)..... have worked with architects and engineers to produce a solution. The result is the Verulamium Project; an exciting new (7)..... to extend the Museum, providing a new entrance, improved displays and facilities. An artist's impression of the new entrance can be (8)..... by all visitors.

1.	A. lifted	B. recreated	C. been	D. risen
2.	A. argue	B. face	C. deal	D. compete
3.	A. opening	B. window	C. ceiling	D. entrance
4.	A. making	B. enabling	C. forcing	D. suggesting
5.	A. displays	B. shelves	C. windows	D. cases
6.	A. pupils	B. tourists	C. staff	D. players
7.	A. deal	B. plan	C. map	D. instruction
8.	A. explored	B. proposed	C. viewed	D. visited

LIVEWORKSHEETS